



Public Service Through Amateur Radio

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of our members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service.

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SWARCer News

October 2013

From the President:

Over the past couple of months, I've seen my 13 year old son Bryan grow from being mildly interested in radio to earning his license (KK4TTU) and then becoming an aggressive DX hunter on 10 meters. He schedules his life around when 10 meters opens up in the afternoons, delaying playing on the Xbox with friends so that he can be available. Yes, it helps when dad has the equipment, but I've tried to let him discover things on his own at his own pace. He discovered that afternoons seem to be best after a few days of operating and monitoring dxwatch.com. I was with him for his first DX - Syd in South Africa - and helped him with the right exchanges, but since then he has been flying solo. Okay, enough of the proud father story and on to my bigger point: try something new.

This is a big hobby. There are all kinds of modes and frequencies available. Try something new! Move towards something that mildly interests you and try it out. We have over 66 members in the club, so there is bound to be someone who knows at least a little bit about it. Public service in bike rides, fun runs, and other events improves our ability to operate "in the wild".

And for those who have the knowledge and equipment - offer to share! Join in on the Tech Net on the second and fourth Tuesday nights. Invite someone over to play radio! Together we learn more and, as Dave (NW3U) can confirm, watching a resistor smoke is more fun with an audience!

Remember that we have been given free access to our frequencies in order to be a public service. We are to experiment and discover, improving the radio art through technological and operational improvements, prepared to bring our communications capabilities when the need arises. So try something new! You might discover a new passion within our wonderful hobby that also helps give back to the public that supports us.

+mike
KD4OKR
President, SWARC



NETS

The following nets take place
on the 145.21Mhz
(82.5 Hz)K4ITL
"Blackjack" Repeater.

Nightly 2m Rag Chew Net - Every
night at at 7:30pm

South Wake ARC Traders Net -
Every Tuesday night of each
month with the exception of the 2nd
Tuesday, immediately following the
Nightly 2m Rag Chew Net.

South Wake ARC Tech Net -
Every 2nd Tuesday night
immediately following the Nightly
2m Rag Chew Net

Announcements

Next Club Meeting: October 7, 2013 - 6pm dinner - 7pm meeting
Location: Fuquay-Varina Presbyterian Church-307 N Ennis St. Fuquay-
Varina
Program: NC QSO Party - Marty W4MY

Weekly Informal Breakfast

Every Saturday 9am - Now meeting at Golden Corral in Garner, NC - Hwy
401 & Tryon Rd.

Public Service Opportunities

The South Wake ARC participates actively in public service events.
Below is a list of some upcoming events over the next couple of months.
Please email our Public Service director, Charles W4DBI, if you will be
participating in one of the below events so he can keep track of
participation.

See the club website (www.southwakearc.com) for further details, and
even more upcoming events.

October 12, 2013 - Saturday - Raleigh, NC - 2013 Light the Night -

**November 3, 2013 - Sunday - Raleigh, NC - 2013 City of Oaks
Marathon**

**November 17, 2013 - Raleigh, NC - 2013 Makin' Room for Turkey
Ride**

Boy Scout's Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) is October 19-20th. SWARC is
scheduled to participate by providing radios, antennas, and operators for
Saturday the 19th at the American Legion Post 116 in Fuquay Varina.
Scout leaders will be conducting classroom instruction to the scouts from
8AM until noon. We will then have hot dogs and chips, then head to the
radios for some practical experience. Teardown is at 3PM. The
requirements have changed this year - they no longer need to make five
contacts, but rather have a single ten-minute contact in order to meet the
requirements for their merit badge. We will need HF and VHF radios
(especially portables) for them to make their contact with. If you are
unable to attend in person, please listen to 145.21 and 147.105 for scouts
attempting to make contacts and help them out. For more information and
to sign-up to participate, please contact Mike Ramsey
(kd4okr@gmail.com).



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APPOINTED POSITIONS

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Net Report

Hello once again SWARCers! Hot off the press is the most recent SWARC net report. This report covers all nets for August 2013. I am pleased to say for the most part that the numbers are up from July except for members participating which was not much difference. The numbers are as follows.

Net Sessions: 31

SWARC Members Participating: 28

Visitors Participating: 85

Total Check Ins: 655

Average of 21 check ins per night

Net Control Operators

KK4BVU ran 5 nets

NC4MP ran 5 nets

KT4JR ran 5 nets

KJ4CVK ran 5 nets

AJ4NX ran 4 nets

K9RII ran 3 nets

KA0GMY ran 3 nets

KD4OKR ran 1 net

Top 10

For the check in champ for August, we had 3 who almost ran the board, those 3 are KT4JR, K4MWE, and NC4MP each checking in to 30 nets. The runner up is KJ4CVK with 29 check ins. Following KJ4CVK is KA0GMY, and KK4QDZ with 28 check ins each. Then we have K9RII with 27 check ins. Next is KK4BVU with 26 check ins. Then we have our VP KK4OSI with 18 check ins. Following our VP is the intelligent KI4YII with 15 check ins. Next we have N4NCT with 12 check ins. Then we have the wonderful KG4RMT, and NC4RA with 11 check ins each. Last but not least, rounding it out is our President, KD4OKR with 7 check ins.

And there you have it folks! I would like to once again thank all of the net controls for their services. I would also like to thank KD4OKR for picking up a net for us. KD4OKR stepped in and took charge when one of the net controls had some difficulties while calling the net one night, and our president kept it going just like a pro! The only other comment I have is to keep checking into the nets each night! If we don't hear from you, start checking into the nets because you are missing out on all of the fun! That is all I have for this month. 73 till next time!

~AJ4NX~



SWARCER NEWS

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South Wake Amateur Radio Club Treasurer Report			
September 2013			
Club Addition and Reduction Activity			
Additions			
Dues	35.00	cash	Chris (KG4WFD) and Dave (KJ4HNA) Caudle
Dues	35.00	check #624	Julie (KT4JR) and Larry (K4MWE) Royster
Dues	30.00	cash	Robert Chandler (KI4FTR)
Dues	35.00	cash	Joel (KC4LWP) and Abraham (KK4TTN) Hunsberger
Total Additions	135.00		
Reductions			
Paid meal for program presenter	9.00	cash	Reimbursed Kenn Kubacki
Total Reductions	9.00		
Balance as of 09/09/2013	1267.43		
Addition	135.00		
Reduction	9.00		
Balance as of 10/07/2013	1393.43		Christine Fernandini KJ4AEO 10/07/2013

September meeting minutes not submitted this month. Minutes will be added to next month's newsletter, if available at that time.